

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the final Office Action mailed August 6, 2010 (“Office Action”). Claims 1-11 and 15-23 are pending and rejected in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action of all pending claims in view of the following.

Claim Objections

Claim 23 is objected to because of informalities. Appropriate correction has been made.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-11 and 15-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0143755 to Wynblatt et al (“*Wynblatt*”). Independent Claims 1, 9-11, and 21-23 are currently amended. Support for the amendments may be found at, but are not limited to, the Specification at page 15, line 20, to page 19, line 8; page 21, lines 5-21; and Figures 4, 5, and 7. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 1 is allowable because *Wynblatt* does not disclose “a plurality of handlers embodied in a machine-readable non-transitory medium, the plurality of handlers comprising an HTTP handler, an SNMP handler, and a Telnet handler.” *Wynblatt* does not teach, disclose, or suggest network devices being associated with HTTP, SNMP, or Telnet access protocols. In fact, *Wynblatt* is wholly silent regarding the HTTP, SNMP, and Telnet protocols in any context. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 1 and its dependents are allowable. Independent Claims 9, 11, 21, 22, and 23 and their dependents are allowable for analogous reasons.

Applicants further submit that Independent Claim 1 is allowable because *Wynblatt* does not disclose “a protocol transaction handler . . . configured to select a handler from the plurality of handlers according to the access protocol associated with the network device, wherein the selected handler is configured to . . .” *Wynblatt* does not teach selecting a handler according to the access protocol associated with the network device. For example, the Patent Office cites *Wynblatt*’s “network interface” of paragraphs 0072-0073 as allegedly

teaching a protocol handler, but *Wynblatt*'s "network interface" is not selected from a group according to an access protocol associated with the network device. Rather, *Wynblatt* dedicates a network interface for each data source such there is no need to select a handler from a group according to the access protocol associated with the network device. Additionally, *Wynblatt* does not teach selecting a handler from the group consisting of an HTTP handler, an SNMP handler, and a Telnet handler because, as explained above, *Wynblatt* is wholly silent regarding the HTTP, SNMP, and Telent protocols in any context.

Accordingly, for at least these additional reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 1 and its dependents are allowable. Independent Claims 9, 11, 21, 22, and 23 and their dependents are allowable for analogous reasons.

Applicants further submit that Independent Claim 1 is allowable because *Wynblatt* does not disclose a handler configured to "extract the interface information from the result of the transaction by applying a filter, the filter selected based on the network device and a vendor associated with the network device, the filter compatible with a proprietary data organization associated with the vendor." Rather, *Wynblatt* does not even address the problem of vendors having proprietary data organization and does not teach, disclose, or suggest applying a filter compatible with a proprietary data organization associated with the vendor to extract interface information.

Accordingly, for at least these additional reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 1 and its dependents are allowable. Independent Claims 9, 10, 11, 21, 22, and 23 and their dependents are allowable for analogous reasons.

No Waiver

All of Applicant's arguments are without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to discuss the distinctions between the applied art and the claims in a later Response or on Appeal, if appropriate. By not responding to additional statements made by the Examiner, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's additional statements. The example distinctions discussed by Applicant are sufficient to overcome the rejections.

Request for Evidentiary Support

Should any of the above asserted rejections be maintained, Applicant respectfully requests appropriate evidentiary support. Additionally, if the Examiner is relying upon "common knowledge" or "well known" principles to establish a rejection, Applicant requests that a reference be provided in support of this position pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2144.03. Furthermore, to the extent that the Examiner maintains any rejection based on an "Official Notice" or other information within the Examiner's personal knowledge, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner cite a reference as documentary evidence in support of this position or provide an affidavit in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 2144.03 and 37 C.F.R. 1.104(d)(2).

CONCLUSION

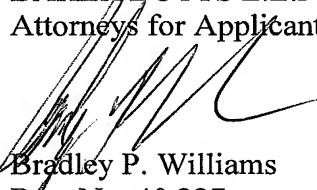
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney, Bradley P. Williams, at 214-953-6447.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Examiner is authorized to charge any fee required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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